

Thursday 3 September 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual)

Committee Meetings

9:00am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

9:15am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

9:30am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

9:30am Public Petitions Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions - Communities and Local Government: Questions 3 and 5; Finance: Questions 2, 5 and 6.

Communities and Local Government

- 1. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to local authorities in their response to COVID-19. ([S5O-04533](#))
- 2. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what further support local authorities can provide to communities and community organisations to continue to protect the most vulnerable and older people during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04534](#))
- 3. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to empower local authorities to make decisions that will strengthen their communities as they move on following the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04535](#))
- 4. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response has been to reports that many community facilities run by charitable trusts are on the verge of collapse due to reduced income caused by the lockdown conditions. ([S5O-04536](#))
- 5. Shona Robison:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional support it is providing to strengthen communities in light of the challenges that many face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04537](#))
- 6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the cost of the COVID-19 response and recovery measures for local government on the delivery of other council services. ([S5O-04538](#))
- 7. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what it considers an acceptable length of time for negotiations on planning conditions to conclude. ([S5O-04539](#))
- 8. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent an increase in homelessness as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. ([S5O-04540](#))

Social Security and Older People

- 1. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Race Equality Framework. ([S5O-04541](#))
- 2. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how children in low-income households in the Cowdenbeath constituency are being supported by the social security system. ([S5O-04542](#))
- 3. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what the revised delivery date for Carer's Allowance is and when the transfer of cases will take place. ([S5O-04543](#))
- 4. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Dundee City Council regarding how its welfare policies address the reported widening of the SIMD gap between the least and most deprived parts of the city. ([S5O-04544](#))
- 5. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting young people in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency with the costs of starting a new job. ([S5O-04545](#))
- 6. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government what role ministers have played in ensuring that the human rights of older people are being protected during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04546](#))

7. Elaine Smith: To ask the Scottish Government how its welfare policies address poverty and malnutrition in older people. ([S5O-04547](#))

8. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the minister for older people has had with the health secretary regarding allowing more visitors and increasing social interaction for older people who are self-isolating. ([S5O-04548](#))

Finance

1. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions ministers have had regarding reported concerns relating to the underfunding of The City of Edinburgh Council. ([S5O-04549](#))

2. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest GERS figures. ([S5O-04550](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis the finance secretary has made of the financial sustainability of Scotland's universities and colleges. ([S5O-04551](#))

4. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it will use its tax-raising powers to generate additional income in the coming year. ([S5O-04552](#))

5. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the level of deficit recorded by the latest GERS figures. ([S5O-04553](#))

6. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to publishing an alternative to the annual GERS report. ([S5O-04554](#))

7. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it has allocated to help protect and lift families out of food poverty and extreme poverty. ([S5O-04555](#))

8. Peter Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to protect public spending in the north east. ([S5O-04556](#))

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 15th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gillian Martin will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
3. **Race Equality, Employment and Skills:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dave Black, General Manager, Grampian Regional Equality Council;
Ms Ruth Boyle, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Close the Gap, Close the Gap;
Silence Chihuri, CEO, Fair Justice System for Scotland Group;
Mrs Lori Hughes, Partnership and Communities Manager, PKAVS Minority Communities Hub;
Dilraj Sokhi Watson, Co-CEO (Acting), Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre;
and then from—
Thom Hughes, Senior Corporate HR Officer, Glasgow City Council;
Mrs Kath McCormack, HR Manager, East Renfrewshire Council;
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development and Communities, Stirling Council.
4. **Race Equality, Employment and Skills (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 3.
5. **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on equalities and human rights (in private):** The Committee will further consider the evidence heard at its meeting on 27 August 2020.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 17th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in a virtual meeting and broadcast on www.parliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **National Fraud Initiative 2018/19:** The Committee will take evidence from-
Fiona Kordiak, Director, Audit Services, Angela Canning, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Anne Cairns, Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **National Fraud Initiative 2018/19:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Fiona Kordiak, Director, Audit Services, Angela Canning, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Anne Cairns, Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 19th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's heritage sector:** The Committee will take evidence from-
Philip Long, Chief Executive, National Trust for Scotland;
Alex Paterson, Chief Executive, Historic Environment Scotland;
Caroline Clark, Director, National Lottery Heritage Fund in Scotland;
Giles Ingram, Chief Executive, Abbotsford Trust.
2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Petitions Committee 11th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE1790: Parental and familial alienation;
PE1791: Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020;
PE1798: Appeal Additional Dwelling Supplement eligibility criteria;
PE1799: Make it illegal to publish a defendant's address in the press;
PE1800: Expand the remit of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland; and
PE1801: Retain powers of economic and industrial intervention.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1517: Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices;
PE1756: Review housing legislation to protect people experiencing domestic or elder abuse;
PE1757: Reduce actuarial reductions to the Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme;
PE1759: Equal school hours for all children in Scotland;
PE1760: Clear Pricing for Train Fares; and
PE1761: New Housing Regulations.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 September 2020

Tuesday 8 September 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Baroness Cumberlege Report

followed by Financial Resolution: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 9 September 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Fisheries Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

Thursday 10 September 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 1 Debate (Committee Bill): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 September 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 September 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 September 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:05 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Local Government and Communities Committee

4 September 2020

20th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting which will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gail Ross and Keith Brown will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, and Stephen Garvin, Head of Building Standards, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Yvette Sheppard, Team Leader, Better Homes, and James Hamilton, Solicitor, Housing and Local Government, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning to move—
S5M-22417—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
6. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, please email the Committee
LocalGovernmentandCommunities@parliament.scot

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-22611](#) Finlay Carson: Great British Beach Clean**—That the Parliament supports the Marine Conservation Society's campaign to keep Scotland's beaches clean; notes its Great British Beach Clean campaign, which runs from 18 to 25 September 2020; understands that people are being encouraged to clean their own local beaches in smaller groups in line with COVID-19 regulations, which contributes to the Marine Conservation Society's efforts to record and map the volume of rubbish that is being cleared from beaches; considers this voluntary work to be of immense importance to the natural environment, with 30% of all rubbish on the coastline directly attributed to the public, as well as inadvertent pollution from non-domestic sewage; urges as many of the public as possible to volunteer in the Great British Beach Clean, and thanks the Marine Conservation Society for the important work that it does.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jackson Carlaw*, Kenneth Gibson*, Alexander Stewart*, Alison Harris*, Murdo Fraser*

***[S5M-22610](#) Colin Beattie: Scotland Rugby's New President, Ian Barr**—That the Parliament congratulates Ian Barr, who is a farmer from Bonnyrigg, on his election to the role of President of Scottish Rugby; understands that Ian will be the 128th person to hold this position and is the first to be elected from Lasswade Rugby Club; acknowledges that Ian was first elected to the Scottish Rugby Council in 2012 and has served on the Scottish Rugby Board; notes that he steps into this position from the role of Vice-President, and wishes Ian all the best in his new position.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Gordon Lindhurst*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Liam McArthur*, Maureen Watt*, Richard Lyle*

***[S5M-22609](#) Sandra White: University of Glasgow's World Ranking Rises**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Glasgow on its position among the top 100 universities in the 2021 THE (Times Higher Education) World University Rankings; understands that the University has risen by seven places to 92nd; notes that it showed improvements in Research, Teaching, International Outlook and Citations; welcomes the recognition of the University's continued contributions to academia, economic development and scientific advancement in the city, nation and the wider world; recognises the efforts of all staff, students, alumni and supporters, and wishes all involved with the University success for the 2020-21 term and beyond.

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Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Annabelle Ewing*, Alex Neil*, Maureen Watt*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-22608 Mary Fee: Young Scottish Gypsy/Travellers Win Equality and Diversity Award 2020**—That the Parliament congratulates the siblings, Charlotte and Davie Donaldson, on winning the Equality and Diversity Award at the 2020 Young Scot Awards; recognises that they were awarded this because of their hard work and dedication to ensuring that the voices of young Scottish Gypsy/Travellers are heard across Scotland in communities, public spaces and in the Parliament; understands that they set an excellent example for other young people in Scotland who wish to see positive changes to equality in their own communities, and wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Greene*, Maureen Watt*, Iain Gray*, Richard Lyle*

***S5M-22607 Mark McDonald: The North East is Open**—That the Parliament commends the North-East Now initiative launched by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) intended to promote businesses across the region that have been significantly affected by lockdown measures since March 2020; welcomes the collaboration between the *Press & Journal*, *Evening Express*, *Society* and Original 106FM in a Power-Week from 7 to 14 September, where all four social media accounts will retweet any company that uses the hashtag #northeastisopen, encouraging firms to boost their exposure; understands that, since its launch in June, the North-East Now campaign has pulled together a range of information, directories and blogs aimed at allowing people to find out more about local firms operating throughout the pandemic; highlights the efforts of AGCC in facilitating local people supporting local business across a wide range of industries, including retail, hospitality and wellbeing; celebrates the success of North-East Now's previously held Power Hour, during which 60 businesses took part, and wishes all participants success in demonstrating that the "North East is Open".

***S5M-22606 Emma Harper: Market Inn Hotel in Castle Douglas**—That the Parliament congratulates the Market Inn Hotel and Restaurant in Castle Douglas on the introduction of its new Family Pass policy, which aims to help reduce hunger and poverty within the local area; understands that the policy, which is available seven days a week for anyone who may need it, works by the person or family quoting "Family Pass" when arriving at the restaurant, upon which they are seated and each provided with a hearty plate of food and a soft drink completely free of charge; acknowledges the overwhelming support that the Market Inn Hotel and Restaurant has received since the introduction of this policy, and thanks the team wholeheartedly for playing their part in reducing hunger and poverty at what is a particularly challenging time for many; notes that the Market Inn is also providing a free chocolate brownie sundae to all Blue Light Card Holders when booking a meal, and 50p teas and coffees everyday to all key workers; wishes the Market Inn Hotel and Restaurant every success for the future, and expresses its thanks for its invaluable community work.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Maureen Watt*

***S5M-22605 Liam Kerr: Aberdeen FC's Thrive App**—That the Parliament welcomes Aberdeen FC offering up to 10,000 fans the chance to access its new mental health app, Thrive; understands that it has been approved by the NHS for assessing, managing and improving mental health as well as promoting a range of mindfulness tips, tools and techniques; notes that the club first offered free access to the app to season ticket holders and members of its AberDNA initiative

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and extended this to the wider fanbase after it proved to be extremely popular, and hopes the app will prove to be a valuable resource in helping Aberdeen fans stay in good health in the weeks and months ahead.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Annie Wells*, Lewis Macdonald*, Mark McDonald*, Alison Harris*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Margaret Mitchell*, Edward Mountain*, Maureen Watt*

***[S5M-22604](#) Stuart McMillan: Gourock Harbour Infrastructure and Vessels Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the progress being made by Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) to deliver the Gourock Harbour Infrastructure and Vessels Project, which also includes work on the harbour infrastructure at Dunoon and the delivery of new vessels; notes that the project is a partnership between Transport Scotland, CMAL, CalMac and Argyll and Bute Council; further notes that it will be a multi-million pound development into Gourock that will strengthen the economic future of the harbour and all the activities that take place there; welcomes the progress being made on the next stage to develop a ferry fleet fit for the Gourock-Dunoon and Gourock-Kilcreggan routes, and wishes everyone connected with this ambitious progress every success.

***[S5M-22603](#) Alison Johnstone: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home**—That the Parliament is concerned by reports that the animal welfare charity, the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, has been compelled to make 15 redundancies, attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, and has financial losses of £650,000 this year; understands that the charity has been unable to raise funds as normal during the lockdown, while the home was deemed ineligible for COVID-19 emergency funding; further understands that the charity has announced the permanent closure of its Stockbridge and Portobello shops, cessation of pet boarding services and a restructure in fundraising, communications, business support and animal care teams; considers that the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home has been a much-loved part of Edinburgh society since launching in 1883; deeply regrets the loss of jobs for those affected, and wishes the charity well in identifying a new strategy to ensure long-term sustainability, in order to continue its work rescuing, reuniting and rehoming stray, lost and abandoned dogs and cats.

***[S5M-22602](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]**—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Christina McKelvie*

***[S5M-22601](#) Graeme Dey: Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft]**—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Michael Russell*

***[S5M-22600](#) Neil Findlay: Impact of Mesh on People in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes what it believes has been the devastating impact of mesh implants on many people, mainly women, in Scotland; understands that many have lost their incomes, their careers, and, in some cases, their homes; acknowledges that these are real people, not simply numbers on an NHS spreadsheet, who come from all backgrounds and from all areas of the country; considers that they cannot be ignored and that they will be heard; notes that they include Norma, who had been a registered nurse for 33 years, Marian, a registered nurse for 10 years, Gillian, an interior designer for 10 years, Lillian, who had been in hospitality management for 27 years, Danielle, a

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nursery nurse for five years, Jane, a carer/auxiliary nurse for 30 years, Tricia, who had been in community education for 26 years, Cindy, a health care assistant and social care worker for 10 years, Fran, a dog breeder and trainer for 48 years, Sandra, who was employed in social work for 30 years, Nancy who worked in entertainment for 20 years, Fiona, who was a school escort for 10 years, Cathleen, who was a social care assistant for 20 years, Gillian, who worked in administration and was an accounts assistant for 12 years, Isobel, who was a faculty head for 29 years, Susan, who worked in printing and packaging for 25 years, Lana, who was a registered nurse for 35 years, Lesley, who was a nursing auxiliary for 23 years, Maureen, who was a registered nurse for 30 years, Michelle, who was a cleaner for 14 years, Mary, who was a houseparent in a school hostel for 12 years, Karen, who worked in university admissions for nine years, June, who was a Weightwatchers' leader for 10 years, Margaret, who was a support worker for 10 years, Lisa, who with the Scottish Ambulance Service for 20 years, Jean, who was a school special needs assistant for 17 years, Kier, who was a special needs principle teacher for 27 years, Kim, who was a self-employed personal carer for 14 years, June, who was a registered nurse for 18 years, Martina, who worked in early years education for 13 years, Nicole, who worked as a chartered mechanical engineer for 20 years, Susanne, who was an NHS care assistant for 26 years, Adele, who was a company secretary for 30 years, Linda, who was a special needs learning assistant for 10 years, Jane, who was a senior bank officer for 15 years, Julie, who was a team leader at North Ayrshire Council for 14 years, Mandy, who was a self-employed hairdresser for 25 years, Joanne, who was a waiting list co-ordinator for 16 years, Sharon, who was a criminologist for 12 years, Adrienne, who was a specialist nurse for over 35 years, Gillian, who was a medical receptionist for 26 years, Ann who was a support worker for 25 years, Alison, who was a florist for 15 years, Maureen, who was a police support and camera enforcement officer for 26 years, Roseanna, who was a financial advisor for five years, Sheila, who was a teacher for 40 years, Fiona, who was a teacher for 46 years, Mary, who worked in retail for 15 years, Patricia, who was a domestic supervisor for 23 years Sandra, who was a business manager for three years, Marion, who was a nursery nurse for over 30 years, Sandra, who was self-employed in sales and marketing for two years, Graham, who worked in furniture retail for 25 years, Joyce, who was a support worker for 13 years, Roseann, who was a holistic therapist for 14 years, June, who was a civil servant dealing with housing for 15 years, Sharon, who worked in finance for 20 years, Maureen, who was an office worker for eight years, Grace, who worked in accounts for 10 years, Jackie, who was a report writer in children protection for 10 years, Alison, who worked in community care for 10 years, June, who was a retail manager for 20 years, Carol, who worked in social care for 20 years, Cathie, who worked in social care for nine years, Sharon, who worked in retail for over 40 years, Sharon, who was a complaints adviser for 10 years, Lorna, who worked in broadcasting sales and marketing for 25 years, Wendy, who was an interior designer for over 20 years, Anne, who was a retail manager for 37 years, Janet, who was a cook supervisor and food analyst for 29 years, Linda who was a cleaner working with laundry for one-and-a-half years, Lorraine who worked for the NHS in X-ray for 27 years and Susan, who worked in retail for one-and-a-half years; recognises that this is only a small portion of over 700 people who have been injured by mesh implants, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide a comprehensive service to ensure that they are treated appropriately and have the option of a full, safe and high quality mesh removal service carried out by surgeons with the relevant training and skills.

Supported by: Jackson Carlaw*, Johann Lamont*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Monica Lennon*, Iain Gray*, Elaine Smith*, Edward Mountain*, Alex Neil*, Mark McDonald*

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-22595](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Pentlands Men's Shed, Maintaining Its Community Role
(lodged on 01 September 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Andy Wightman*, Rachael Hamilton*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22592](#) Donald Cameron: Welcoming CalMac's Community Investment Programmes
(lodged on 01 September 2020)

New Support: Dean Lockhart*, Brian Whittle*, Margaret Mitchell*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alison Harris*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22588](#) Gordon Lindhurst: Edinburgh Traditional Building Forum Delivers Eighth Festival (lodged on 01 September 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22587](#) Liam McArthur: First Online Programmes for Orkney Festivals (lodged on 31 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22586](#) Rhoda Grant: UHI Rates Highly in Postgraduate Survey (lodged on 31 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22585](#) Gail Ross: Ullapool Sea Savers (lodged on 31 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22584](#) Gail Ross: Hardie Crawford Earns a Place in the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland Development Band (lodged on 31 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22583](#) David Stewart: Congratulations to the University of the Highlands and Islands Alumnus of the Year (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22582](#) Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen FC's #StillStandingFree Campaign Success (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22581](#) Iain Gray: Anique Burke and Her Friends, Fundraising for Jacaranda Primary and Secondary School, Malawi (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22580](#) Iain Gray: National Recognition for Our Community Kitchen and Haddington Bowling Club (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

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[S5M-22578](#) Shona Robison: University of Dundee Appoints New Principal (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22572](#) Gil Paterson: Smiles All Round at Allander Dental Care in Milngavie (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22571](#) Christine Grahame: Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22569](#) Angela Constance: Wonder Woods Woodland Nursery Opens for Business (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22568](#) Angela Constance: Livingston Firm Empteezy to Produce PPE and Create Jobs (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Sandra White*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22567](#) Annabelle Ewing: Justice for WASPI Women (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22566](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverclyde Partnership Creating Emotional Wellbeing Service for School Students (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22565](#) Gail Ross: Scourie Primary School Pupils Raise over £800 for Local Theatre (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22564](#) Clare Adamson: 170 Open University Students in Motherwell and Wishaw (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22563](#) Clare Adamson: Our Lady's High School Personal Development Team's Care Packages for Hospital Patients (lodged on 28 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22562](#) Mark McDonald: Potential Impact of a No-deal Brexit on Florists (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Stuart McMillan*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22561](#) Alison Johnstone: Domestic Abuse Information for Educators (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-22560](#) Alison Johnstone: Edinburgh Direct Aid Supporting People Affected by the Beirut Port Explosion (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22559](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Gray Family's 5,000-mile Walk (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22558](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Nina Young's Charity Walk (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22557](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Michelle Dodds, Charity Half Marathon (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22556](#) Gil Paterson: The Transformation of Craigdhu Primary School, Milngavie (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22555](#) Gil Paterson: Clydebank Student Aims to Help Transform Older Lives (lodged on 27 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22553](#) Bill Kidd: International Day Against Nuclear Tests (lodged on 26 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S5M-22548](#) Lewis Macdonald: New Rope Rescue Unit Launched at Altens Fire Station (lodged on 26 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22529](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Nominees Shortlisted for SCVO Scottish Charity Awards (lodged on 26 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22526](#) Oliver Mundell: Beatrice George's Fundraising Efforts for NHS Charities (lodged on 25 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*, Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22524](#) Christine Grahame: Borders Railway Fifth Anniversary (lodged on 25 August 2020)

New Support: Maureen Watt*

[S5M-22523](#) Mark Griffin: Life After Death, Supporting Carers After Bereavement (lodged on 25 August 2020)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*

[S5M-22522](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Support Group, Nourish (lodged on 25 August 2020)

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New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22513](#) Rona Mackay: East Dunbartonshire Pair Gain Skills in Automation (lodged on 25 August 2020)

New Support: Joan McAlpine*

[S5M-22506](#) Liam McArthur: Pay Student Paramedics (lodged on 24 August 2020)

New Support: Anas Sarwar*, Maurice Corry*, Pauline McNeill*

[S5M-22467](#) Richard Leonard: Importance of Engineering and Manufacturing to the Scottish Economy (lodged on 19 August 2020)

New Support: Alison Harris*

[S5M-22411](#) Alex Rowley: Disappearances of Birds of Prey Over Driven Grouse Moors (lodged on 12 August 2020)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Angus MacDonald*, James Dornan*

[S5M-22367](#) Murdo Fraser: Tackling Dirty Camping (lodged on 06 August 2020)

New Support: Andy Wightman*, Gordon MacDonald*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 9 September 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Inverclyde Council, Transport Scotland and Scottish Water regarding their plans to eliminate flooding in Inverclyde. ([S50-04557](#))
- 2. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the impact of vacant and derelict land on the environment, what action it is taking to tackle this. ([S50-04558](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish Water regarding upgrading and improving the maintenance of urban drainage, in light of instances of heavy flooding. ([S50-04559](#))
- 4. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle littering in the Highlands and Islands. ([S50-04560](#))
- 5. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in meeting its climate change targets and, to help achieve this, what support it has made available to reduce emissions on farms and crofts. ([S50-04561](#))
- 6. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the UK Government to discuss the COP26 conference due to take place in Glasgow in November 2021. ([S50-04562](#))
- 7. Adam Tomkins:** [Not Lodged]
- 8. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Programme for Government aims to tackle climate change through support for the green economy. ([S50-04564](#))

Rural Economy and Tourism

- 1. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the fishing industry in relation to wind farm developments. ([S50-04565](#))
- 2. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to the agricultural shows and fairs that have had to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the rural communities and charities that rely on the income these generate. ([S50-04566](#))
- 3. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage domestic tourism. ([S50-04567](#))
- 4. Shona Robison:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support Dundee and its tourism sector to ensure that the city can safely welcome back visitors. ([S50-04568](#))
- 5. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle so-called dirty camping in the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. ([S50-04569](#))
- 6. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will provide updated guidance regarding weddings, in light of the importance of the wedding sector to tourism and the economy of the north east. ([S50-04570](#))
- 7. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to tourism venues across Glasgow that are facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S50-04571](#))

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8. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on tourism businesses in the Highlands and Islands. ([S50-04572](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 10 September 2020

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

- 1. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the repair work being carried out on the Glasgow-Edinburgh via Falkirk rail line. ([S50-04573](#))
- 2. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the provision of regular bus services in semi-rural areas such as Ratho in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency. ([S50-04574](#))
- 3. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential benefits of improving transport infrastructure in south west Scotland. ([S50-04575](#))
- 4. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential benefits of improving transport links between Glasgow and Edinburgh. ([S50-04576](#))
- 5. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reviewed the uses to which the Spaces for People programme has been put since it was established, and whether this includes safety and cost-effectiveness. ([S50-04577](#))
- 6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that capacity on public transport allows commuters to travel safely as part of its planning for the reopening of non-essential offices. ([S50-04578](#))
- 7. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with Scottish Roads Partnership regarding noise mitigation in light of reports of increased noise levels being experienced by residents next to the Uddingston section of the M74. ([S50-04579](#))
- 8. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Stonehaven train crash. ([S50-04580](#))

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged on 02 September 2020

[S5W-31522](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will expect the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator to declare the annual carbon impact of operating the scheme, broken down by material type.

[S5W-31523](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-31163 by Roseanna Cunningham on 24 August 2020, whether decisions regarding deposit claim mechanisms, including digital solutions, will be a matter for the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator.

[S5W-31524](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what extra weighting it will grant to Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator applicants that demonstrate an ability to deliver identified environmental, economic and social benefits that go beyond regulations.

[S5W-31525](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator will be permitted to deliver identified environmental, economic and social benefits that fall outwith the scope of DRS regulations.

[S5W-31526](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether payment of the national living wage will be a requirement of all Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator applicants.

[S5W-31527](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator will be required to support better accessibility of collection points in economically deprived areas.

[S5W-31528](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what extra weighting it will grant to Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Administrator applicants that commit to measures that aim to ensure fairness between SMEs and larger businesses across the retail and production sectors.

[S5W-31529](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what the most recent information it has regarding the percentage of (a) household and (b) commercial food waste that is (i) landfilled and (ii) incinerated, and what capacity there is for all waste to be recovered. **R**

[S5W-31530](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what the tonnage capacity for incinerators has been in each year since 2007, and what the projected annual capacity is for the period to 2024. **R**

[S5W-31531](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many incinerators have combined heat and power solutions included in their planning approval; where these are located, and how much energy they have produced each year. **R**

[S5W-31532](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of waste that could have been recycled or recovered by some other means has been recovered via an incinerator in each year since 2007. **R**

[S5W-31533](#) Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comments regarding care staff by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport during the ministerial statement on care homes on 1 September 2020 (*Official Report*, c. 64), what its position is on the level of pay across the social care sector, and whether it will abolish the registration fee that must be paid by those working in the sector in order to practice.

[S5W-31534](#) Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of the minutes of the Scottish Screening Committee meeting in November 2019, whether it will provide further details of the action it will lead on for the development of a protocol for NHS boards wishing to undertake pilot programmes for lung cancer screening.

[S5W-31535](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to ensure that COVID-19 events sector funding has been rural-proofed.

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[S5W-31536](#) Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether traders and crafters have been excluded from the criteria that would allow them to access COVID-19 events sector funding.

[S5W-31537](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government how many beds NHS Grampian has procured through its lease agreement with BMI Albyn Hospital.

[S5W-31538](#) Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what the surgical capacity of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary has been each month since May 2020.

[S5W-31539](#) Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government where it proposes to locate its national network of tech scalars, in light of the commitment in its Programme for Government to multi-year, multi-million pound investment, as suggested in the Logan Review.

[S5W-31543](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what online teaching provision it is implementing for children who have to self-isolate at home due to COVID-19 symptoms.

Amendments

New amendments to Bills lodged on 2 September 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2

Section 1

Shirley-Anne Somerville

6 Leave out section 1 and insert—

<Appointment of person to act on behalf of child

- (1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 85 insert—

“Appointees

85A Appointment of person to act on behalf of child

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may appoint a person (an “appointee”) to act on behalf of a child in connection with the determination of the child’s entitlement to assistance under section 24 or regulations under section 79.
- (2) An appointment under subsection (1) may, if the Scottish Ministers consider it appropriate, include an appointment of the person to receive such assistance on the child’s behalf.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may only appoint an appointee if it appears to them that there is no person who—
 - (a) has authority to act on behalf of the child,
 - (b) resides with, and has care of, the child, and
 - (c) is willing, and practicably able, to act on the child’s behalf in relation to the matter mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) An individual who is under 16 years may not be appointed as an appointee.
- (5) Where an appointee is appointed under subsection (1) to act on behalf of a child—
 - (a) the appointee can do anything that a person with authority (however arising) to act on behalf of the child in relation to the determination of the child’s entitlement to assistance could do in connection with the determination of the child’s entitlement to assistance (including making an application for assistance),
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers may request that the appointee provide them with information that the Ministers may otherwise request under section 54 or, as the case may be, the regulations under section 79 (and in the case of section 54, subsections (2) and (3) of that section apply to that request as they apply to a request made to the child),
 - (c) any information that would be given to the child under or by virtue of Part 2 or, as the case may be, the regulations, must be given to the appointee instead.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may terminate an appointment under subsection (1) at any time.
- (7) In this section, “child” means an individual who is under 16 years.”>

After section 1

Shirley-Anne Somerville

7 After section 1, insert—

<Appointment of person to act on behalf of individual

- (1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.
- (2) Section 58 is repealed.
- (3) In section 85A (as inserted by section (*Appointment of person to act on behalf of child*)), after subsection (5) insert—
 - “(5A) The Scottish Ministers must consider whether to make an appointment under subsection (1), or to terminate such an appointment, if requested to do so by—
 - (a) the child, or
 - (b) anyone else who appears to the Ministers to—
 - (i) have authority to act on behalf of the child,
 - (ii) reside with, and have care of, the child, or
 - (iii) have an interest in the welfare or financial affairs of the child.
 - (5B) Subsection (5C) applies where the Scottish Ministers are deciding whether to make or terminate an appointment under subsection (1).
 - (5C) In making the decision the Scottish Ministers must, insofar as practicable, have regard to the views of—
 - (a) the child,
 - (b) anyone who is a relevant person in relation to the child within the meaning of section 200 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, and
 - (c) anyone else who appears to the Ministers to have an interest in the welfare or financial affairs of the child.”.

(4) After section 85A insert—

“85B Appointment of person to act in other circumstances

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may appoint a person (an “appointee”) to act on behalf of an individual in connection with the determination of the individual’s entitlement to assistance under section 24 or regulations under section 79.
- (2) An appointment under subsection (1) may, if the Scottish Ministers consider it appropriate, include an appointment of the person to receive such assistance on the individual’s behalf.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may only appoint an appointee if—
 - (a) the individual is 16 years or over and the conditions in subsection (4) are met, or
 - (b) it appears to them that subsection (6) or (7) applies.
- (4) The conditions are—
 - (a) the individual indicates (in such form as the Scottish Ministers require) that the individual agrees to the appointment, and
 - (b) an appropriate person certifies (in such form as the Scottish Ministers require) that in the person’s opinion—

- (i) the individual is not incapable within the meaning of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000,
 - (ii) the individual understands the effect of the appointment,
 - (iii) the individual has not been subject to any undue influence in agreeing to the appointment, and
 - (iv) the person proposed to be appointed is suitable to act as the individual's appointee.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers are to make regulations defining "appropriate person" for the purposes of subsection (4)(b).
- (6) This subsection applies if—
 - (a) the individual is deceased, and
 - (b) there is no executor appointed on the individual's estate.
- (7) This subsection applies if, in relation to the matter mentioned in subsection (1)—
 - (a) the individual is incapable within the meaning of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000,
 - (b) there is no guardian acting or appointed under that Act,
 - (c) the individual's estate is not being administered by a judicial factor, and
 - (d) there is no other person who has authority to act on behalf of the individual and is willing to do so.
- (8) An individual who is under 16 years may not be appointed as an appointee.
- (9) Where an appointee is appointed under subsection (1) to act on behalf of an individual—
 - (a) the appointee can do anything that a relevant individual could do in connection with the determination of the individual's entitlement to assistance (including making an application for assistance),
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers may request that the appointee provide them with information that the Ministers may otherwise request under section 54 or, as the case may be, the regulations under section 79 (and in the case of section 54, subsections (2) and (3) of that section apply to that request as they apply to a request made to the individual),
 - (c) any information that would be given to the individual under or by virtue of Part 2 or, as the case may be, the regulations, must be given to the appointee instead.
- (10) In subsection (9)(a), "relevant individual" means—
 - (a) in the case of an appointment by virtue of subsection (3)(a), the individual in relation to whom the appointment is made,
 - (b) in the case of an appointment by virtue of subsection (6), an executor appointed on the individual's estate,
 - (c) in the case of an appointment by virtue of subsection (7), a person with authority (however arising) to act on behalf of the individual in relation to the determination of the individual's entitlement to assistance.
- (11) The Scottish Ministers may terminate an appointment under subsection (1) at any time.
- (12) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) terminate an appointment made by virtue of subsection (3)(a) if the individual withdraws agreement to it,

- (b) consider whether to terminate an appointment made by virtue of subsection (3)(a) if requested to do so by anyone who appears to the Ministers to have an interest in the welfare or financial affairs of the individual.
 - (13) The Scottish Ministers must consider whether to terminate an appointment made by virtue of subsection (6) if requested to do so by anyone who appears to the Ministers to have an interest in the financial affairs of the individual.
 - (14) The Scottish Ministers must consider whether to make an appointment by virtue of subsection (7), or to terminate such an appointment, if requested to do so by—
 - (a) the individual, or
 - (b) anyone else who appears to the Ministers to—
 - (i) have authority to act on behalf of the individual, or
 - (ii) have an interest in the welfare or financial affairs of the individual.
 - (15) Subsection (16) applies where the Scottish Ministers are deciding whether to make an appointment by virtue of subsection (7) or to terminate such an appointment.
 - (16) In making the decision, the Scottish Ministers must, insofar as practicable, have regard to—
 - (a) the wishes and feelings of the individual, and
 - (b) the views of anyone else who appears to the Ministers to have an interest in the welfare or financial affairs of the individual.”.
- (5) After section 85B (as inserted by subsection (4)) insert—
- “85C Guidelines for decisions about appointees**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must prepare guidelines governing their decisions in connection with appointments under sections 85A and 85B,
 - (b) may revise the guidelines,
 - (c) must make the latest version of the guidelines publicly available by such means as they consider appropriate.
 - (2) The guidelines must, in particular, set out—
 - (a) the steps that the Scottish Ministers will take to determine that a person is suitable for appointment,
 - (b) how a request that an appointment be made or terminated may be made and how it will be handled,
 - (c) the process by which persons with an interest in the making or termination of an appointment will be involved in those decisions,
 - (d) the steps that the Scottish Ministers will take to review appointments periodically (being in any case no more than 5 years) and the process by which that will occur,
 - (e) how concerns about the acts, or omissions, of an appointee may be raised and how any concerns raised will be handled.
 - (3) In preparing or revising the guidelines, the Scottish Ministers must have regard (among other things) to the following considerations—

- (a) that an appointment in the case of a living individual should be made only if it appears to secure a benefit in respect of the individual that cannot reasonably be achieved without the appointment,
 - (b) that such an appointment should last for only so long as it continues to secure that benefit,
 - (c) that, so far as reasonably practicable, before decisions are made—
 - (i) persons who may be affected are consulted, and
 - (ii) due account is taken of their views (or, if they are incapable within the meaning of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, their wishes and feelings),
 - (d) that decisions should be made on the basis of good information,
 - (e) that decision-making processes should, so far as reasonably practicable, take account of the circumstances of individual cases,
 - (f) that persons who may be affected by decisions are given adequate information and support in relation to their involvement in the decision-making process.
- (4) In preparing or revising the guidelines, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
- (a) the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland,
 - (b) the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland,
 - (c) the Public Guardian (established by section 6 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000), and
 - (d) local authorities.”.
- (6) After section 85C (as inserted by subsection (5)) insert—

“85D Right to apply to First-tier Tribunal for review of certain decisions

- (1) A qualifying person may apply to the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland for a review of—
 - (a) a decision under section 85A made following a request under subsection (5A) of that section,
 - (b) a decision under section 85B made following a request under subsection (12)(b), (13) or (14) of that section.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following are qualifying persons—
 - (a) the person who made the request, and
 - (b) any other person entitled to make the same request.
- (3) An application under subsection (1)—
 - (a) may be made without the First-tier Tribunal’s permission if the application is made within 31 days beginning with the day on which the decision concerned was made,
 - (b) may be made only with the First-tier Tribunal’s permission if the application is made after the period mentioned in paragraph (a),
 - (c) may not be made after the period of one year beginning with the day on which the decision concerned was made.
- (4) The First-tier Tribunal may give permission under subsection (3)(b) for an application to be made only if satisfied that there is a good reason for the application not having been made sooner.
- (5) On application under subsection (1), the First-tier Tribunal is to review the decision concerned and may in consequence—

- (a) uphold the decision, or
- (b) set the decision aside.
- (6) Where a decision is set aside by the First-tier Tribunal, it may (as it considers appropriate)—
 - (a) reach its own view on what the decision should be and order the Scottish Ministers to make the decision accordingly, or
 - (b) order the Scottish Ministers to make the decision afresh.
- (7) In reaching its own view on what a decision should be by virtue of subsection (6)(a), the First-tier Tribunal may reach such findings in fact as it considers appropriate.
- (8) In ordering the Scottish Ministers to make a decision afresh by virtue of subsection (6)(b), the First-tier Tribunal may give the Ministers such directions as it considers appropriate.
- (9) A decision by the First-tier Tribunal about—
 - (a) the outcome of an application under subsection (1), or
 - (b) whether to give permission under subsection (3)(b) for an application to be made, is final.
- (10) Accordingly (and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (9)), any such decision by the First-tier Tribunal may be neither—
 - (a) reviewed under section 43 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, nor
 - (b) appealed against under section 46 of that Act.”.
- (7) After section 85D (as inserted by subsection (6)) insert—

“85E Guidance for appointees

 - (1) A person appointed under section 85A or 85B must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers about the way in which the role of appointee should be carried out.
 - (2) The Scottish Ministers must make guidance issued for the purpose of subsection (1) publicly available.”.
- (8) In section 96(3), for “and 43(5)” substitute “, 43(5) and 85B(5)”.>

Section 4

Shirley-Anne Somerville

8 Leave out section 4

After section 6

Shirley-Anne Somerville

9 After section 6, insert—

<Identifying possible eligibility

Duty to inform about possible eligibility

- (1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.
- (2) Section 53 is—
 - (a) moved to after section 84B (and the italic heading immediately preceding it moves with it), and

(b) re-numbered 84C.

(3) In section 84C—

- (a) in subsection (1), after “assistance”, where it first appears, insert “under Part 2 or (as the case may be) regulations under section 79,”,
- (b) in subsection (2)(b)(ii), after “52” insert “, or (as the case may be) section 79”,
- (c) in subsection (3), after “54(1)” insert “, or (as the case may be) regulations under section 79”,
- (d) for paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) substitute—
 - “(a) where the determination mentioned in subsection (1) relates to an individual’s entitlement to assistance under Part 2—
 - (i) a different type of assistance described in Chapter 2 of that Part from the type of assistance that the determination mentioned in subsection (1) relates to,
 - (ii) the same type of assistance as that determination relates to, but in respect of a different period or (as the case may be) event, or
 - (iii) assistance under regulations under section 79,
 - (b) where the determination mentioned in subsection (1) relates to an individual’s entitlement to assistance under regulations under section 79—
 - (i) a different type of assistance described in regulations under section 79 from the type of assistance that the determination mentioned in subsection (1) relates to,
 - (ii) the same type of assistance as that determination relates to, but in respect of a different period or (as the case may be) event, or
 - (iii) a type of assistance described in Chapter 2 of Part 2.”.>

Shirley-Anne Somerville

10 After section 6, insert—

<Transitional provision in consequence of section (*Duty to inform about possible eligibility*)

- (1) Anything done under section 53 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (“the 2018 Act”) is to be treated as having been done under section 84C of that Act.
- (2) And any reference to section 53 of the 2018 Act in any enactment or other document is to be read accordingly.>

Section 7

Shirley-Anne Somerville

11 In section 7, page 5, line 8, at end, insert—

<“(2ZA) The regulations may provide that, in the situation mentioned in sub-paragraph (2ZB), an individual who is not resident in the United Kingdom is to be regarded as having a terminal illness despite the clinical judgement described in sub-paragraph (2) not having been formed with regard to the guidance mentioned in sub-paragraph (3).

(2ZB) The situation referred to in sub-paragraph (2ZA) is that it would not be reasonable in the circumstances to insist on a clinical judgement being provided that has been formed with regard to the guidance.>

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12 In section 7, page 5, line 29, at end, insert—

- <(d) may make different provision about the requirements for being an appropriate healthcare professional for the purposes of determining the entitlement to disability assistance of individuals who are resident in the United Kingdom and those who are not.”,>

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13 In section 7, page 5, leave out lines 30 to 32 and insert—

<(iii) for sub-paragraph (3), substitute—

“(3) The Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration is—

(a) to prepare and from time to time revise, and

(b) to make publicly available by such means as the Chief Medical Officer considers appropriate,

guidance that sets out when a progressive disease can reasonably be expected to cause an individual's death for the purpose of determining entitlement to disability assistance.

(4) Before preparing or revising guidance under sub-paragraph (3), the Chief Medical Officer must consult appropriate healthcare professionals (as defined in sub-paragraph (2A)) who are registered in the United Kingdom as members of a healthcare profession.”,>

Shirley-Anne Somerville

14 In section 7, page 5, line 34, leave out <5(2A)> and insert <1(2A)>

After section 7

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15 After section 7, insert—

<Suspension of assistance

Power to suspend payment of assistance

(1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 51—

(a) in subsection (2), the “and” at the end of paragraph (a) is repealed,

(b) after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) make provision, in accordance with schedule 11, about—

(i) the circumstances in which an individual who has an entitlement to assistance in respect of a period under such a determination is not to become entitled to be given some or all of that assistance at the time at which the individual otherwise would in accordance with provision under paragraph (a), and

(ii) in that event, how and when the individual is to become entitled to be given that assistance, and”,

(c) after subsection (3), insert—

“(3A) Schedule 11 makes provision about the exercise of the power conferred by subsection (2)(aa).”.

(3) In section 54—

(a) in subsection (1), for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

“(a) the Scottish Ministers are either—

- (i) determining an individual’s entitlement to assistance (whether under section 37 or 43), or
- (ii) considering whether regulations under section 52 require them to make a determination of an individual’s entitlement to assistance without receiving an application, and

(b) they require further information in order to satisfy themselves about any matter material to the making of the determination of entitlement or (as the case may be) to their consideration of whether they are required to make a determination without receiving an application.”,

(b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) If—

(a) the Scottish Ministers are either—

- (i) determining the individual’s entitlement to a type of assistance that the individual has ongoing entitlement to, or
- (ii) considering whether regulations under section 52 require them to make a determination of the individual’s entitlement to assistance without receiving an application,

(b) the individual fails to provide the requested information by the end of the period specified under subsection (1), and

(c) it is the first time that the individual has failed to provide the Scottish Ministers with the requested information within a specified period since they began making the determination or considering the matter mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii),

the Scottish Ministers may issue a decision to suspend the assistance to the individual in accordance with regulations under section 51(2)(aa).

(1B) Where the Scottish Ministers issue such a decision, they must, at the same time, request that the individual provide them with the information within such further period as they specify.”,

(c) in subsection (2), for “specified period” substitute “the period specified under subsection (1) or (1B)”,

(d) after subsection (3) insert—

“(4) The reference in subsection (1A)(a) to an individual having ongoing entitlement to a type of assistance is to an individual being entitled to be given the type of assistance in question under section 24 under a determination made on the basis that the individual has ongoing entitlement to that type of assistance.”.

(4) After schedule 10, insert—

“SCHEDULE 11
(introduced by section 51)

SUSPENSION OF ASSISTANCE

Circumstances in which assistance may be suspended

- 1 (1) The regulations may provide for an individual's assistance to be suspended in the following circumstances only—
 - (a) when determining the individual's entitlement to the type of assistance in question, the Scottish Ministers have requested information from the individual within a specified period under section 54 and the individual has not provided the requested information within that period,
 - (b) where the Scottish Ministers have made arrangements (whether under section 85A, 85B or otherwise) for a person to receive the assistance on the individual's behalf, and the Ministers consider that it is necessary to suspend the assistance—
 - (i) in order to protect the individual from the risk of financial abuse,
 - (ii) because the person with whom the Ministers have made arrangements is unable to continue to receive the assistance, or
 - (iii) for any other reason specified in the regulations, or
 - (c) the individual has requested that the Scottish Ministers temporarily stop giving the assistance in question and is yet to request that they resume doing so.
- (2) For the purpose of sub-sub-paragraph (1)(b), “financial abuse” includes—
 - (a) having money or other property stolen,
 - (b) being defrauded,
 - (c) being put under pressure in relation to money or other property,
 - (d) having money or other property misused.

Safeguards: requirement to consider financial circumstances before suspension

- 2 The regulations must require the Scottish Ministers, before suspending the assistance given to an individual, to have regard to the financial circumstances of the individual.

Safeguards: right to review suspension

- 3 The regulations must confer a right on an individual whose assistance has been suspended to require the Scottish Ministers' to review their decision to suspend the individual's assistance.

Safeguards: information to be given following suspension

- 4 (1) The regulations must require the Scottish Ministers to inform an individual whose assistance they have suspended—
 - (a) of their decision to suspend the individual's assistance,
 - (b) of the reasons for their decision,
 - (c) of any steps which might be taken by the individual in order for the Scottish Ministers to consider ending the suspension, and
 - (d) of the individual's right in accordance with the regulations to require the Scottish Ministers to review their decision to suspend the individual's assistance.

- (2) The regulations must provide that the Scottish Ministers are to fulfil the duty described by subparagraph (1) in a way that leaves the individual with a record of the information which the individual can show to, or otherwise share with, others.

Safeguards: effect of suspension ending

5 The regulations must provide that when—

- (a) the suspension of an individual’s assistance ends, and
- (b) under the latest determination of the individual’s entitlement to the type of assistance in question, the individual would have become entitled to be given assistance during the period of the suspension,

the individual is immediately to be given under section 24 the assistance that the individual would have become entitled to be given under the determination during that period.

Generality of enabling power unaffected

6 Nothing in this schedule is to be taken to limit the provision that may be included in the regulations except to the extent stated.

Interpretation

7 In this schedule—

- (a) references to an individual’s assistance being suspended are to an individual, by virtue of the regulations, not becoming entitled to be given some or all of the assistance in respect of a period that the individual otherwise would at the time, or times, prescribed by regulations under section 51(2)(a),
- (b) “the regulations” means regulations under section 51(1).”.

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16 After section 7, insert—

<Power to set value of assistance as nil in certain circumstances

Power to set value of assistance as nil in certain circumstances

- (1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 2—

- (a) after paragraph 11 insert—

“Power to set value of assistance as nil

11A(1) Provision may be made in the regulations for the value of the carer’s assistance that is to be given to an individual in respect of a period to be £0, but—

- (a) such provision must be framed so as to apply by reference to at least one of the following matters—
 - (i) the individual being resident and present in a particular place during the period,
 - (ii) the individual being in receipt of another type of assistance (whether under this Act or another enactment) during the period, and

- (b) the Scottish Ministers may only make such provision where they consider that it would be in the interests of the individuals to whom it applies to be entitled to carer's assistance with a value of £0 in respect of a period rather than not being entitled to carer's assistance at all.
 - (2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is to be taken to preclude provision being framed so as to apply by reference to further matters in addition to those mentioned there.”,
 - (b) in paragraph 12(b), for “paragraph 11” substitute “paragraphs 11 and 11A”.
- (3) In schedule 5—
 - (a) after paragraph 14 insert—

“Power to set value of assistance as nil
 - 14A(1) Provision may be made in the regulations for the value of the disability assistance that is to be given to an individual in respect of a period to be £0, but—
 - (a) such provision must be framed so as to apply by reference to at least one of the following matters—
 - (i) the individual being resident and present in a particular place during the period,
 - (ii) the individual being in receipt of another type of assistance (whether under this Act or another enactment) during the period, and
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers may only make such provision where they consider that it would be in the interests of the individuals to whom it applies to be entitled to disability assistance with a value of £0 in respect of a period rather than not being entitled to disability assistance at all.
 - (2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is to be taken to preclude provision being framed so as to apply by reference to further matters in addition to those mentioned there.”,
 - (b) in paragraph 19, after paragraph (c) insert—

“(ca) paragraph 14A in Chapter 1 of Part 2,”.
- (4) In schedule 7—
 - (a) after paragraph 11 insert—

“Power to set value of assistance as nil
 - 11A(1) Provision may be made in the regulations for the value of the employment-injury assistance that is to be given to an individual in respect of a period to be £0, but—
 - (a) such provision must be framed so as to apply by reference to at least one of the following matters—
 - (i) the individual being resident and present in a particular place during the period,
 - (ii) the individual being in receipt of another type of assistance (whether under this Act or another enactment) during the period, and
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers may only make such provision where they consider that it would be in the interests of the individuals to whom it applies to be entitled to employment-injury assistance with a value of £0 in respect of a period rather than not being entitled to employment-injury assistance at all.
 - (2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is to be taken to preclude provision being framed so as to apply by reference to further matters in addition to those mentioned there.”,

(b) in paragraph 15, after paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) paragraph 11A in Chapter 1 of Part 2.”.

(5) In schedule 9—

(a) after paragraph 10 insert—

“Power to set value of assistance as nil

10A(1) Provision may be made in the regulations for the value of the housing assistance that is to be given to an individual in respect of a period to be £0, but—

(a) such provision must be framed so as to apply by reference to at least one of the following matters—

- (i) the individual being resident and present in a particular place during the period,
- (ii) the individual being in receipt of another type of assistance (whether under this Act or another enactment) during the period, and

(b) the Scottish Ministers may only make such provision where they consider that it would be in the interests of the individuals to whom it applies to be entitled to housing assistance with a value of £0 in respect of a period rather than not being entitled to housing assistance at all.

(2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is to be taken to preclude provision being framed so as to apply by reference to further matters in addition to those mentioned there.”.

(b) in paragraph 13, after “9” insert “, 10A”.

Shirley-Anne Somerville

17 After section 7, insert—

<Assistance given in error

First-tier Tribunal’s jurisdiction

- (1) The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 is modified as follows.
- (2) Section 68 is repealed.
- (3) After section 87 insert—

“Assistance given in error: First-tier Tribunal’s jurisdiction

87A Power to transfer jurisdiction from sheriff to tribunal

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations transfer to the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland some or all of the competence and jurisdiction that a sheriff has in relation to the recovery of—
 - (a) money owed under section 63, or
 - (b) money owed under regulations under Part 3.
- (2) Before laying a draft Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) before the Scottish Parliament for approval by resolution, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Lord President of the Court of Session,
 - (b) the President of the Scottish Tribunals,
 - (c) sheriffs principal.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) exercise the power conferred by subsection (1) at least once,
- (b) before 1 April 2021, consult the persons mentioned in subsection (2) about making regulations under subsection (1).”.

(4) In section 96(2)—

- (a) the word “68,” is repealed,
- (b) after “86” insert “, 87A”.>

Section 11

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18 In section 11, page 8, line 20, after <sections> insert <(Appointment of person to act on behalf of child),>

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19 In section 11, page 8, line 20, after <6,> insert <(First-tier Tribunal’s jurisdiction)>

Long Title

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20 In the long title, page 1, line 3, after first <assistance> insert <the duty to inform about possible eligibility for assistance;>

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21 In the long title, page 1, line 4, after <purposes;> insert <the recovery of assistance given in error;>

New Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2020 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/271)

Laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Affirmative Instrument

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2020 and is subject to the draft affirmative procedure—

Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

Laid under paragraph 22(3) of schedule ZA1 of the Insolvency Act 1986

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Progress of Legislation

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As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

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Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 26 August 2020

Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 25 August 2020

Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead Committee – Justice

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice Committee)), 1 September 2020

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee, Rural Economy and Connectivity), 24 June 2020

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 5 May 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport)), 1 September 2020

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 23 April 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 1 September 2020

Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 9 March 2020

Lead committee – Health and Sport

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 25 February 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

LegislationTeam@parliament.scot

Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 21 May 2020

Lead Committee - Justice

Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 16 June 2020

Stage 1 Report – Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee (6th report, 2020)

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 19 August 2020

Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill (C)

Stage 1 debate, 10 September 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Social Security Committee), 10 September 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 4 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)

Consideration Stage, 7 September 2020

All amendments should be lodged by 2 pm on Thursday 3 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 1 September 2020

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Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 29 April 2020

Lead committee – Local Government and Communities

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 1 September 2020

Stage 1 (evidence, (Finance and Constitution Committee)), 2 September 2020

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 March 2018

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 1 September 2020

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead committee – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

Agriculture Bill LCM-S5-38

Lodged on 4 May 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee report, 15 May 2020

Agriculture Bill Supplementary LCM-S5-38a

Lodged on 18 August 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 26 August 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 1 September 2020

Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill LCM-S5-34

Lodged on 26 February 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill LCM-S5-40

Lodged on 2 June 2020

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Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 9 June 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 16 June 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020
Justice Committee, 2 June 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Environment Bill LCM-S5-39

Lodged on 27 May 2020
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Report, 19 June 2020

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-41

Lodged on 15 June 2020
Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 19 August 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 9 September 2020

Immigration and Social Security Coordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill LCM-S5-42

Lodged on 25 June 2020
Social Security Committee, 20 August 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill LCM-S5-43

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Lead committee – Health and Sport

Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill LCM-S5-37

Lodged on 30 March 2020
Justice Committee, 2 June 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Trade Bill LCM-S5-44

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Lead committee – Finance and Constitution

Subordinate Legislation (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 9 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 11\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/241\)](#) (13 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 9\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/242\)](#) (14 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

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Subject to approval by 17 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 12\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/251\)](#) (21 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 10\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/252\)](#) (21 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 20 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Aberdeen City\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/253\)](#) (24 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 23 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 13\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/261\)](#) (27 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Directions by Local Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/262\)](#) (27 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 11\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/263\)](#) (28 August 2020)

Subject to approval by 29 September 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 12\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/271\)](#) (2 September 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee approval by 7 September 2020

[Abertay University and Robert Gordon University \(Change of Names\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

[Advice and Assistance \(Assistance by Way of Representation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Representation of the People \(Electoral Registers Publication Date\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020](#) (25 June 2020) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead committee approval by 11 September 2020

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[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020](#) (13 July 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 18 September 2020

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (10 August 2020) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 29 September 2020

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (21 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

Lead committee approval by 2 October 2020

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (24 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Amendment of Expiry Dates\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (24 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Lead committee approval by 6 October 2020

[Marine Licensing \(Exempted Activities\) \(Scottish Inshore Region\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (28 August 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 9 October 2020

[Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Constituencies and Regions\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Lead committee approval by 9 October 2020

[Insolvency Act 1986 \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (2 September 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

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Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 12 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 7 September 2020

[The Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Coronavirus\) Order 2020 \(SI 2020/776\)](#) (22 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[The Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 2\) Order 2020 \(SI 2020/777\)](#) (22 July 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2020

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/246\)](#) (21 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 2 October 2020

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/249\)](#) (24 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 September 2020
Lead Committee report due by 3 October 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(Emergency Period and Extended Period\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/254\)](#) (25 August 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2020

[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/258\)](#) (27 August 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 6 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2020

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Suspension: Muirburn\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/260\)](#) (28 August 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 October 2020
Lead Committee report due by 9 October 2020

[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/264\)](#) (31 August 2020) (Justice Committee)

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New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 1 September 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 September 2020 (SP Paper 793)

The following reports will be published on 3 September 2020—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 794)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Representation of the People (Electoral Registers Publication Date) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 795)

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Fiscal Update – September 2020 SFC/2020/10 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Statement of Data Needs – September 2020 SFC/2020/9 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission-: Forecast Evaluation Report – September 2020 SFC/2020/8 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 30 August 2020 SG/2020/172 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections –2 September 2020 SG/2020/171 laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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